

United Church of Bernardston!  
May 19, 2024  
Pentecost Sunday



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**Opening Music - Chimes**      *Hail Thee, Festival Day; Open My Eyes, That I May See*      Liz Dawson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Lighting of Candles**      *Morning Prayer* – Gilbert M. Martin      Liz Dawson

**Call to Worship**

L: Holy God, spare the earth      **P: But put a fire in our bones,**  
L: so our words are alive with hope,      **P: our hearts are aflame with love,**  
L: our deeds ablaze with compassion      **P: Holy God, spare us the winds of destruction**  
L: But set loose Your Spirit      **P: The carries us along the paths of justice.**  
L: Holy God,  
**All: Be fire in our bones, wind at our back, a dove of peace. Be a Spirit of love, a song reborn,  
a life renewed. Amen.**

**Hymn**      #2223 - *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* (verses 1, 2, 3)

**Unison Prayer**

**Holy Spirit, counselor, revealer of eternal truth, show us God and we will be satisfied. Call to our remembrance all that we have seen and heard and felt that gives us glimpses of your work in our world. Bring a new Pentecost among us so we will be empowered to witness to the world. Amen.**

**Special Music**      *Deep Waters* – Pepper Choplin      UCB Choir

Congregation:

Go to deep wa-ters, \_\_\_ deep wa-ters, \_\_\_  
where on-ly faith will let you go. Go out to  
deep wa-ters, \_\_\_ deep wa-ters, \_\_\_  
har-vests of faith will o-ver-flow. Go to

**Message for All Ages**      Steve Damon

**The Offering of our Gifts**

**Offertory Music**      *Jubilate Deo* – Jay Althouse      UCB Choir

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** #95 - *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson**      *Acts 2: 1-21 and John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15*      Bill Hill

**Sermon**      *Come Holy Spirit*      Rev Linda Rhinehart Neas

**Musical Prayer Response:** # 2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs 3)*

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for hearts to care, In the Spirit's lively scheming, there is always room to spare.

**Presentation of the Pledges**

*#347 - Spirit Song*

*(Those who wish may present their pledge cards in the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn)*

**Dedication of the Pledges** (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, you are giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering; it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.**



**Benediction**

L: Go forth from this place knowing that God has filled you with the Holy Spirit.

**P: We rejoice in the power of the Spirit within and among us.**

L: Tell the Good News everywhere you go -- trust that God will translate where needed. Amen.

**Benediction Response**

*Shalom to You*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friend.

In all your living and through your loving. Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

*The Quest of the Holy Spirit* – David Paxton

Liz Dawson

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**Words of Hymns**

**They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
[Chorus]

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.  
[Chorus]

**Spirit Song**

O let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus:  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
O give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name [Chorus]